

As a digital content creator, I am very cognizant of the reasoning behind certain intellectual property protections; however, this broadcast flag proposal is emblematic of the recent overkill in which IP is overprotected at the expense of fair use and the free flow of information, a cornerstone of our great republic. And since it is clear that the lines between television sets and computers have blurred to the point where the differences are functional, trying to legislate what kind of content can flow between devices is not only unrealistic, it will also have the effect of not only impinging on individual 1st amendment rights, it also may have the effect of stifling the development of new business models that are emerging to take advantage of peer-to-peer video content. Neither Hollywood nor the broadcast networks have earned the right to suffocate new businesses that are emerging from the reduction of friction in moving high bandwidth information throughout our networked society and the world.